

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A system for mounting an accessory to a vehicle, comprising:

a linkage arrangement interconnected with the vehicle, wherein the linkage arrangement includes a pair or vertically spaced link members, wherein each link member defining defines an inner end and an outer end, wherein the outer ends of the link members are vertically spaced apart from each other;

a vertical pivot member mounted between the spaced apart outer ends of the link members;

an accessory mounted tointerconnected with the outer end of the linkage arrangementvertical pivot member, wherein the accessory is movable for pivoting movement about a first vertical pivot axis defined by the vertical pivot member; and

a linkage mounting arrangement for mountinginterposed between the inner ends of the linkage arrangement tolink members and the vehicle, wherein the linkage mounting arrangement defines a horizontal axis pivot connection to which the inner end of each link member is secured;

wherein pivoting movement of the link members about the horizontal axis pivot connection provides for pivoting movement about a second vertical axis spaced from the first vertical axis, wherein the linkage arrangement is constructed and arranged to provide vertical movement of the link members and the vertical pivot member, and thereby the accessory, relative to the vehicle between a raised position and a lowered position.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~accessory mounting~~ system of claim 21, wherein the linkage mounting arrangement is constructed and arranged to enable the linkage arrangement and the accessory to be moved about the second vertical pivot axis to either a first side of the vehicle or a second side of the vehicle.

4. The system of claim 21, wherein:

~~the linkage arrangement comprises an upper link member and a lower link member;~~

5 ~~the inner end comprises upper and lower brackets, pivot plates, and pivot pins;~~

~~the outer end comprises upper and lower brackets, pivot plates, and pivot pins; and~~

10 ~~the outer end further comprises a vertical pivot bar, the linkage mounting arrangement includes upper and lower mounting brackets interconnected with the vehicle, and vertically oriented pivot pins that pivotably mount the link members to the upper and lower mounting brackets for movement about the second vertical pivot axis.~~

5 5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the orientation of brackets, pivot plates, and pivot pins on the inner end allows the link members to pivot vertically, the linkage mounting arrangement includes upper and lower mounting plates pivotably secured to the upper and lower mounting brackets, respectively, via the vertically oriented pivot pins, and wherein each link member is secured to one of the mounting plates via a horizontally oriented pivot pin that provides vertical pivoting movement of the link member relative to one of the upper and lower mounting brackets.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 421, wherein the vertical pivot member comprises a vertical pivot bar allows the accessory to move horizontally that extends between and interconnects the outer ends of the link members.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the vertical pivot bar ~~comprises a vertically oriented bar having~~ ~~extends through~~ a cylindrical sleeve ~~thereover, and wherein the accessory is mounted to the cylindrical sleeve for movement about the vertical pivot axis.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the inner end of the linkage mounting arrangement is mounted to the rear of the vehicle.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the inner end of the linkage mounting arrangement is mounted to a side of the vehicle.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein the linkage arrangement ~~is constructed and arranged to be biased~~ includes a biasing arrangement for biasing the linkage arrangement toward a retracted ~~the raised~~ position.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising wherein the biasing arrangement includes a biasing member interconnected between the linkage mounting arrangement and one of the link members, wherein the biasing member is configured to bias the linkage arrangement toward a ~~retracted~~ the raised position.

5 12. (Currently Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system for mounting an accessory to a vehicle, comprising:

5 -a linkage including a first link member and a second link member, wherein the first and second link members are vertically spaced apart and wherein each link member defines an inner end and an outer end, and wherein the link member inner ends are vertically spaced apart from each other and the link member outer ends are vertically spaced apart from each other;

10 a linkage mounting arrangement interconnected with the vehicle, wherein the inner end of each link member is connected to the linkage mounting arrangement, wherein the linkage mounting arrangement defines having a first, vertical pivot axis of

~~rotation and a second, horizontal pivot axis of rotation, wherein the first axis is and second pivot axes are defined by a first and second pivot members, respectively; and a generally vertical accessory mounting member interconnected with and extending between the outer ends of the first and second link members, wherein the accessory is mounted to the accessory mounting member for connection to the vehicle through the first and second link members and the accessory mounting arrangement.~~

15 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the inner ends of the first and second link members are connected to respective first and second pivot plates, and wherein the second axis is defined by vertically aligned pivot pins mounted within a pivot plate and mounting structure forming a part of the linkage  
5 mounting arrangement, wherein the vertically aligned pivot pins extend through openings in the first and second pivot plates.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein further comprising a biasing member prevents interconnected between the linkage mounting arrangement and one of the link members for biasing the linkage from free rotation toward a raised position about the first and second axes axis.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of manicuring a lawn, comprising:  
driving a vehicle having a mowing system and an accessory mounting system, wherein the accessory mounting system includes vertically spaced first and second link members, each of which defines an inner end and an outer end, wherein the inner ends of the link members are interconnected with the vehicle for movement about a horizontal pivot axis for providing movement of the link member outer ends between a raised position and a lowered position, and are further interconnected with the vehicle for movement about an inner vertical pivot axis, and further comprising a trimming accessory mounted to the link member outer ends for movement about an outer vertical pivot axis;  
10 cutting vegetation with the mowing system;

when an object is encountered, ~~gripping a handle of an~~ moving the accessory ~~mounted to the accessory~~ mounting system to the lowered position to lower the trimming accessory;

15 ~~applying pressure to the handle to pivot the accessory toward the ground and away from the vehicle;~~

directing the trimming accessory toward and around the object via the handle by moving the trimming accessory about the outer vertical pivot axis and moving the accessory mounting system about the inner vertical pivot axis; and

20 cutting the vegetation surrounding the object with by movement of the accessory about the object.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the trimming accessory includes a handle to assist in movement of the trimming accessory toward and about the object, and further comprising the step of releasing the handle after using the accessory, and returning the accessory to return the accessory to a retracted ~~the raised~~ position under the influence of a biasing arrangement interconnected with at least one of the link members.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the vehicle driver directs the trimming accessory toward the object while remaining in the a seat associated with the vehicle seat.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the vehicle driver stops the vehicle and exits the vehicle to direct the accessory toward the object.

20. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the linkage mounting arrangement includes a vertical axis pivot connection to which the inner end of each link member is secured, wherein the vertical axis pivot connection provides pivoting movement of the link members about a second vertical pivot axis spaced inwardly from the first-mentioned vertical pivot axis.

21. (New) The system of claim 212, wherein the accessory is interconnected with the vertical pivot member via an accessory mounting arrangement defining an inner end interconnected with the vertical pivot member and an outer end to which the accessory is secured, wherein the accessory is located outwardly of the vertical pivot axis.

5 22. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the accessory is mounted to the accessory mounting member via an accessory mounting arrangement that is pivotable about a third, generally vertical pivot axis defined by the accessory mounting member.

23. (New) The system of claim 22, wherein the accessory is interconnected with the accessory mounting member via an accessory mounting arrangement defining an inner end interconnected with the accessory mounting member and an outer end to which the accessory is secured, wherein the accessory is located outwardly of the accessory mounting member.

5 24. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the accessory mounting system includes a vertical accessory mounting member that extends between the outer ends of the link members, and wherein the step of pivoting the trimming accessory about the outer vertical pivot axis is carried out by pivoting the accessory about the vertical accessory mounting member.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the accessory is interconnected with the accessory mounting member via an accessory mounting arrangement defining an inner end interconnected with the accessory mounting member and an outer end to which the accessory is secured, wherein the accessory is located outwardly of the accessory mounting member, and wherein the step of directing the trimming accessory toward and around the object is carried out by moving the accessory mounting arrangement about the accessory mounting member.